




Rotary 
Club of Tamworth First Light
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Rotary Year 2023 - 2024

District Governor	Alyn Miranda
President:	Brian Logan
Secretary:	Liz Gill
Treasurer:	Dennis Maunder

The Life of Brian

Quote of the week

You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist. – Indira Ghandi

Learning never exhausts the mind. – Leonardo Da Vinci

Joke of the week

I once did a survey on the effects of alcohol. The result was staggering.

Guest speaker

The clubs exchange student Maciej Wolanski enthralled us with his presentation of Poland, his family, upbringing, adventures, hobbies and being a Rotary exchange student. I am so pleased our club was offered the opportunity to host Maciej as he brings a piece of his world to share with us. His insight into the differences between Poland and Australia in education, community involvement, culture and life in general has been very interesting.

Notices:

THE Rotary Regional Council elections have been finalised and votes counted. Please ensure you keep an eye out for the results via Rotary emails and newsletters.

The Rotary Community Group preferences pilot has been extended to allow some clubs time to make their decisions.

DISTRICT 9660 VIRTUAL WALKABOUT- A WORD FROM BRUCE HEMMETT



Rotary District 9660 is conducting a Virtual Walkabout and Raffle to raise awareness of and funds to support the Rotary International End Polio Now Campaign.

Tickets are available at \$5 each with a first prize of \$2000 for the winning ticket. Each \$5 ticket sold will represent 5km virtually walked and will be added to the Walkabout Tally. The Walkabout Tally will be adjusted regularly and plotted on an accompanying map. The updates including the Map and total raised will be shared on the District 9660 Facebook page and in the District newsletter.

So \$10 in tickets gives you 10kms walked towards our goal of walking around District 9660 and two tickets in the raffle!

Each \$1 raised will be doubled by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation so you will be making a significant difference in the lives of those still in countries where the disease continues.

<https://rafflelink.com.au/end-polio-now>

WALK FOR RSPCA – THE RSPCA RESCUE RUN 2023

Mitch and our participating Rotarians have now completed the **RSPCA Rescue Run** initiative, meeting the target of 56km walked over 14 days.

Don't despair though- there is still plenty of time for you to support the cause through your generous donations, words of affirmation, complimentary 6-packs of coopers sparkling ale, or bottles of scotch whisky.

This initiative has greatly helped RSPCA's Inspectors stop cruelty towards animals.

You can still view the RCTFL team page, as well as member's walking progress and donations raised.



So far, we have raised \$1,133 for this cause!

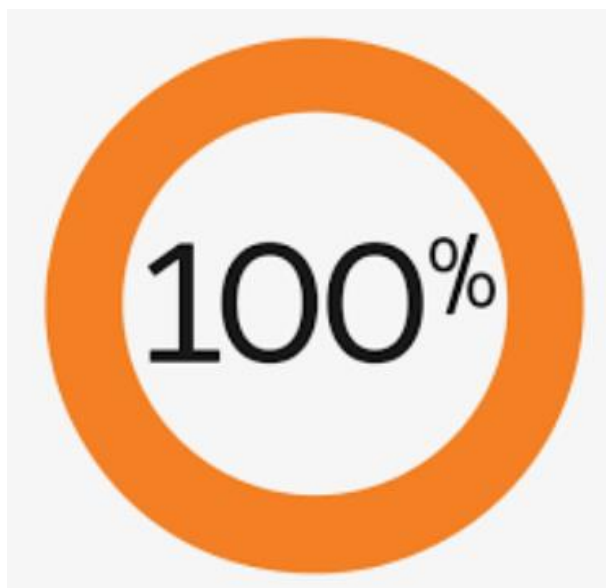
Further details and donation options at:

<https://www.rspcarescuerun.org.au/fundraisers/rotarycluboftamworthfirstlight> (or click on the blue picture below)



Mitch's Total distance Walked:

56km (100% complete)





Rotary 
District 9660

**CLUBS &
DISTRICT
PROJECT
SHOWCASE**



AGM
9AM
SATURDAY
25TH

Ticket
\$125

What project will you Showcase?

25/26 NOVEMBER 2023
DUBBO RSL

Bookings for display tables
email: phil.gorton@gmail.com





YOU ARE INVITED TO
The Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light

Christmas PARTY

THEME: SILLY SEASON
WEAR YOUR BEST SILLY SOCKS & SHIRTS

DECEMBER

SUNDAY

10

AT 11:30 AM

CARMENS ITALIAN RESTAURANT
SPAINS LANE, KINGSWOOD

RSVP: 26 NOV
TO MARINA 0403 759 148



GUEST SPEAKER – MACIEJ WOLANSKI – YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM, 2023

Maciej is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Wroclaw, District 223.

A little about his country Poland. He showed his country's flag and national emblem (though he's never seen an eagle in Poland!) Poland is a small country in the middle of Europe between Russia and Germany, with a population around 38 million. It's size is 322 575 km² which is less than half the size of New South Wales. The capital city is Warsaw. The president's name is Andrzej Duda and they are a fully democratic country. The tallest mountain is Sniezka. They have our own language and do have an access to the Baltic Sea.

Wroclaw is the city that Maciej was born in and lives in. It has 700,000 inhabitants. It is crossed by 7 rivers, the longest one being the Odra which is 900 km long. An interesting fact: Wroclaw has around 600 gnome sculptures hidden around the city which you can search for.

In his family, there's his dad and mum, 1 brother and 3 sisters. His family likes to travel a lot.

Maciej's school in Poland seems like a prison compared to schools in Australia. He enjoys going to his school here which is Calrossy.

And now for his favourite topic ... Maciej! He loves playing, creating and listening to music, and plays at concerts in a band. He enjoys many different sports, most especially adrenalin sports like snowboarding, climbing, windsurfing and diving.

His hobbies include experimenting with chemistry and biology, and hopes to become a doctor. He also enjoys photography and making videos, and enters competitions with these. He also loves to travel, seeing new places and meeting new people.



Australia was his first choice when applying to become an exchange student. He's keen to keep on visiting lots of places in Australia and to learn a lot, especially about the language. He has found Australia to be lovely and it feels like home, as everyone is so friendly. When asked about his biggest surprise about Australia, it was that it wasn't as scary as people at home thought it would be.

Maciej sincerely thanked Naomi and James for hosting him, also his future hosts, our club members, president Brian and his sponsor club.

Many thanks to Maciej for his presentation, very entertaining as always!
Words by Sue O'Connor.





FUNNY CORNER



Rotary Events Calendar	Date
▪ Photo shoot with our Tree planting project	▪ TBA – See Alice or Peter R
▪ Sergeant's Dinner	▪ Coming SOON!!!
▪ RI Convention Singapore	▪ 25-29 May 2024

Social Calendar	Date
• Post Office Raffles Social Night	• 3 rd Friday of the Month (17.11.2023)
• RCTFL Christmas lunch party	• Sunday 10/12/22, 11:30am

Useful links (click to open!)	
• Tamworth First Light Website	• RCTFL Facebook page
• District 9660 Website	• Rotary District 9660 Members Page
• Rotary International Website	• Rotary District 9660 Public Facebook
• DACDB Member and Club Portal	

Board Members 2023-24	
President – Brian Logan	Secretary – Liz Gill
Treasurer – Dennis Maunder	Executive Secretary – Brodie Shields
Club Admin – Courtney Priestley	Membership – Bev Fletcher
Public Relations – Alice Elsley	Community Service – Peter Johnston
Youth – Hannah Woods	Rotary Foundation – Bruce Hemmett
Youth Protection – Bruce Hemmett	President Elect – Sue O'Connor
Board Meeting 2nd Tuesday of the Month - Tuesday 14.11.2023, 5.30pm, Wests.	

	8 th November	15 th November	22 nd November	29 th November
Topic	*Adult Literacy	White Elephant Ball committee	TBA	Exchange Student Presentation
Location	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club
Guest speaker	Kelly Makepeace	Jess Barber		Vitor and Diego
Sergeant	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree
Corporals	Laurence Hearne Brett White	Peter Johnston Brodie Shields	Brian Thompson James Treloar	John Rouvray Helen Tickle
Meeter & Greeter	Peter Leonard	Helen Tickle	Peter Johnston	John Treloar
Door Team	John Rouvray Louise Matthews	Terry Robinson Michael Smith	Helen Tickle Brett White	Dimity Betts Naomi Blakey
President Assist	Dimity Betts	Brian Thompson	Bev Fletcher	Vicki Cooper
Visitor Assist	Aurelie Quade	Brett White	Alice Elsley	Stephen Hawkins
Welcome	Richard Hardwick	Steve Martin	John Rouvray	Peter Johnston
Bulletin Notes & Introduction	Graham Dooley	Sue O'Connor	Stephen Hawkins	Terry Robinson
Vote of Thanks	James Treloar	Peter Leonard	Richard Walker	Peter Ryan

*Denotes a change. Roster roles are randomly assigned. If you cannot commit to a rostered duty for your club, please speak to your fellow Rotarians to arrange a replacement and let Mitch know. Look for the easter eggs in this bulletin, and tell me what you find.

POST OFFICE RAFFLE – FRIDAYS - 6:00 – 7:00PM				
10 th November	17 th November	24 th November	1 st December	8 th December
Marina Hearne *Rich Hardwick	*Richard Hardwick Michael Smith	Michael Smith John Treloar	John Treloar Barry Biffin	Barry Biffin Vicki Cooper

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS

Members Birthdays	Dimity Betts 8/11, Peter Leonard 10/11
Partners Birthdays	NIL
Anniversaries	Bruce and Julie Hemmett 18yrs
Club Induction	Bev Fletcher 3yrs, Helen Tickle 3yrs

Attendance	67%	Lolly Jar Raffle	Steve Martin
Make-Ups	Nil	Heads and Tails	Terry Robinson
Visiting Rotarians	Sam Peacocke (RC Dubbo Sth)		
Visitors	Maciej "Magic Mike" Wolanski (Youth Exchange Student), Julia Boland, Vitor		